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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicant(s) in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a one-month extension of time to and including January 14, 2002 (January 13, 2002 being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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